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**SPECIAL
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SONIC

THE HEDGEHOG

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**VS.
MECHA
SONIC™**



**SONIC CD
ADAPTATION!**

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

"GO AHEAD...
MECHA MY
DAY!"

PART I

WILL YOU
PLEASE HOLD
STILL? THIS IS A
VERY DELICATE
PROCEDURE!

TWO
WORDS, ROTOR...
BORE-RING!

IT'S
STARTING
TO COME
IN...

AHHH...



OHH... WHEN DID WE GET ZE SCI-FI CHANNEL?

HUSH, ANTOINE... BACK OFF THE LENS A BIT, ROTOR!

LENS?... HOLY FRIJOLES, IT'S A CAMERA?

RANGE: 4725
HEIGHT: 1564
WIDTH: 74125

1841
62711
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YES INDEED... THE FIBER OPTIC SONICAM IS NOW MOUNTED IN YOUR SNEAKER!

PRETTY RADICOOOL, BIG GUY! HOW'S THE RECEPTION?

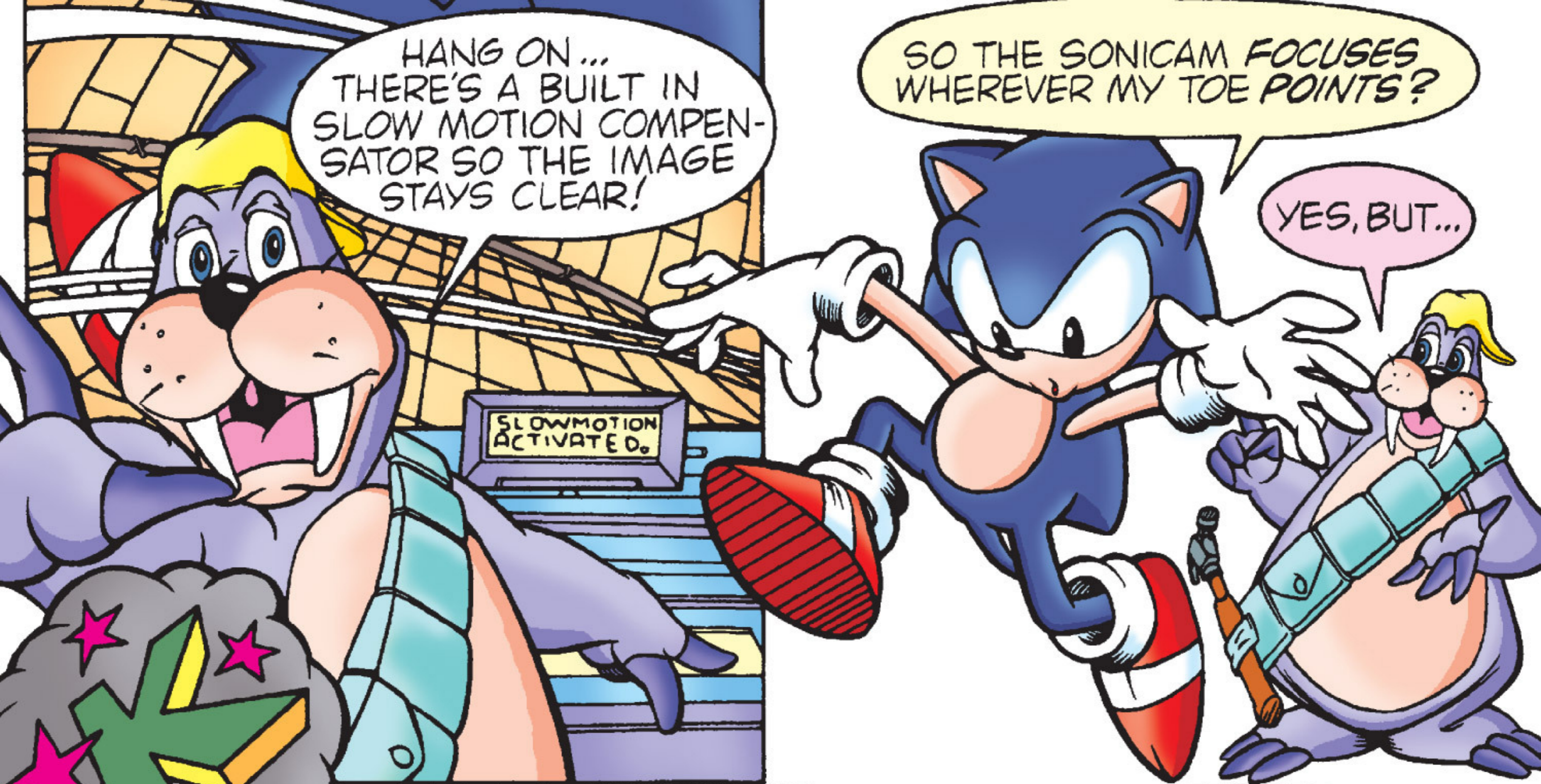
GREAT!

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MOTION SCAN: INITIATED

LET'S SEE HOW IT LOOKS WHEN I ACCELERATE!

OOOOLP!
OOH! IT IS GIVING ME ZE MOTION SICKNESS!

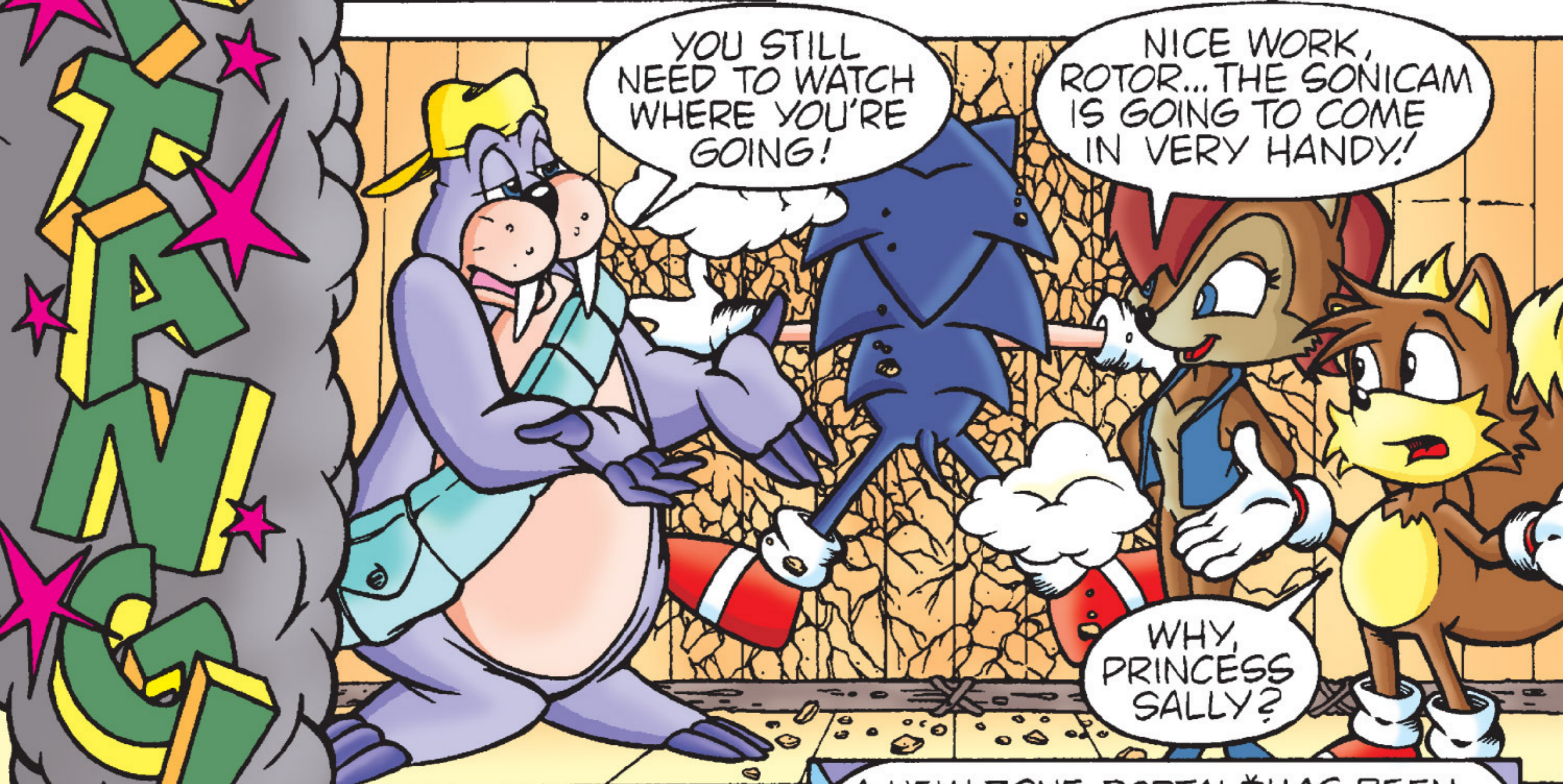


HANG ON... THERE'S A BUILT IN SLOW MOTION COMPENSATOR SO THE IMAGE STAYS CLEAR!

SO THE SONICAM FOCUSES WHEREVER MY TOE POINTS?

YES, BUT...

SONICAM!



YOU STILL NEED TO WATCH WHERE YOU'RE GOING!

NICE WORK, ROTOR... THE SONICAM IS GOING TO COME IN VERY HANDY!

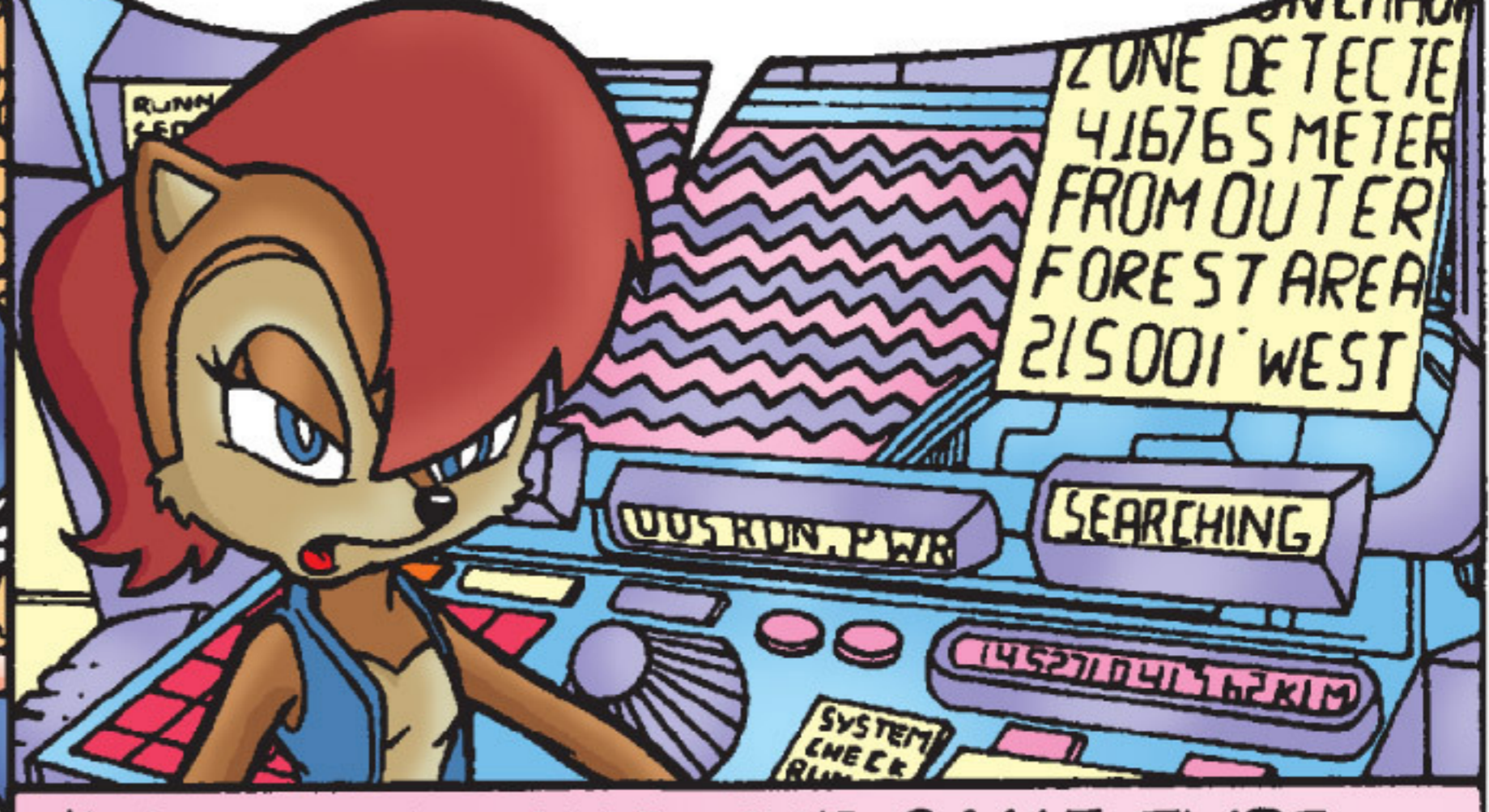
WHY, PRINCESS SALLY?

BECAUSE ALL US FREEDOM FIGHTERS HERE IN THE SECRET VILLAGE OF KNOTHOLE ARE IN GRAVE DANGER!

A NEW ZONE PORTAL* HAS BEEN DISCOVERED RECENTLY... IT COULD BE HIGHLY DISRUPTIVE AND MUST BE EXPLORED! IT'S CALLED...

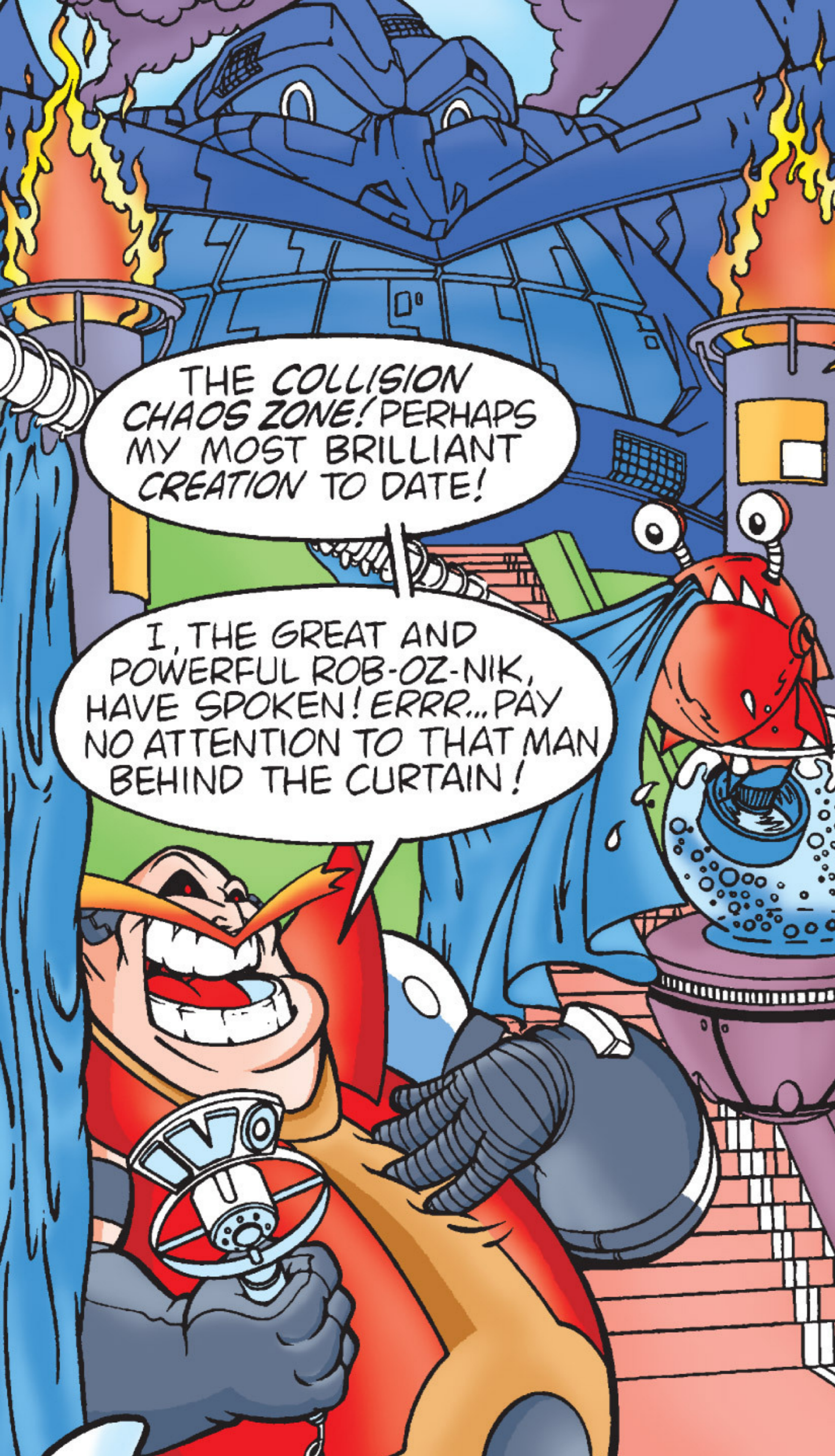


HUH?



SONICAM ZONE DETECTED
416765 METER FROM OUTER FOREST AREA
215001 WEST

*SALLY MEANS THE SAME TYPE OF ACTION ZONES FOUND IN ALL SONIC VIDEO GAMES... Editor



THE COLLISION CHAOS ZONE! PERHAPS MY MOST BRILLIANT CREATION TO DATE!

I, THE GREAT AND POWERFUL ROB-OZ-NIK, HAVE SPOKEN! ERRR... PAY NO ATTENTION TO THAT MAN BEHIND THE CURTAIN!



CHORTLE-SNIKKER-CACKLE! YES, MY PET PIRANHA-BOT... I ALLOWED THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS TO DISCOVER THE PORTAL!

REALLY, OH OVAL ONE?

INDEED! SONIC'S EGO WON'T ALLOW HIM TO RESIST TESTING HIS SKILL IN THE "ZONE"...



... BUT JUST IN CASE, I'LL ENCOURAGE HIM BY MAKING USE OF THESE STOLEN SONIC-GRAM FAN LETTERS!

WHOA! TAMPERING WITH THE MAIL IS A FEDERAL OFFENSE!

HA! THAT'S WHAT MAKES ME A SUPER-VILLAIN ON THE CUTTING EDGE!



"DEAR SONIC--YOU'RE MY HERO! I LOVE IT WHEN YOU KICK ROBO-BUTT! ENCLOSED IS MY PHOTO. XXXOO-AMY ROSE..."BAH!

AWW... A CUTE LITTLE GIRLIE HEDGEHOG!

WE'LL SEE HOW CUTE SHE IS WHEN SHE MEETS... **HIM!**

OH, I WOULD AND WILL! HERE... BRING ME THE CHILD WHO LIVES AT THIS ADDRESS!

GASP! U-YOU WOULDN'T...

AFFIRMATIVE

**BZZZT...
CLANK!**

HA! HA! NOW TO BROADCAST A MESSAGE TO THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS...

GREETINGS! THIS IS YOUR LORD AND MASTER IVO ROBOTNIK!

GOOD THING WE'VE GOT A WIDE SCREEN TV!

MOST AMUSING, SONIC! ALMOST AS FUNNY AS THE THOUGHT OF YOU CHICKENING OUT FROM RUNNING ON THE COLLISION CHAOS ZONE!

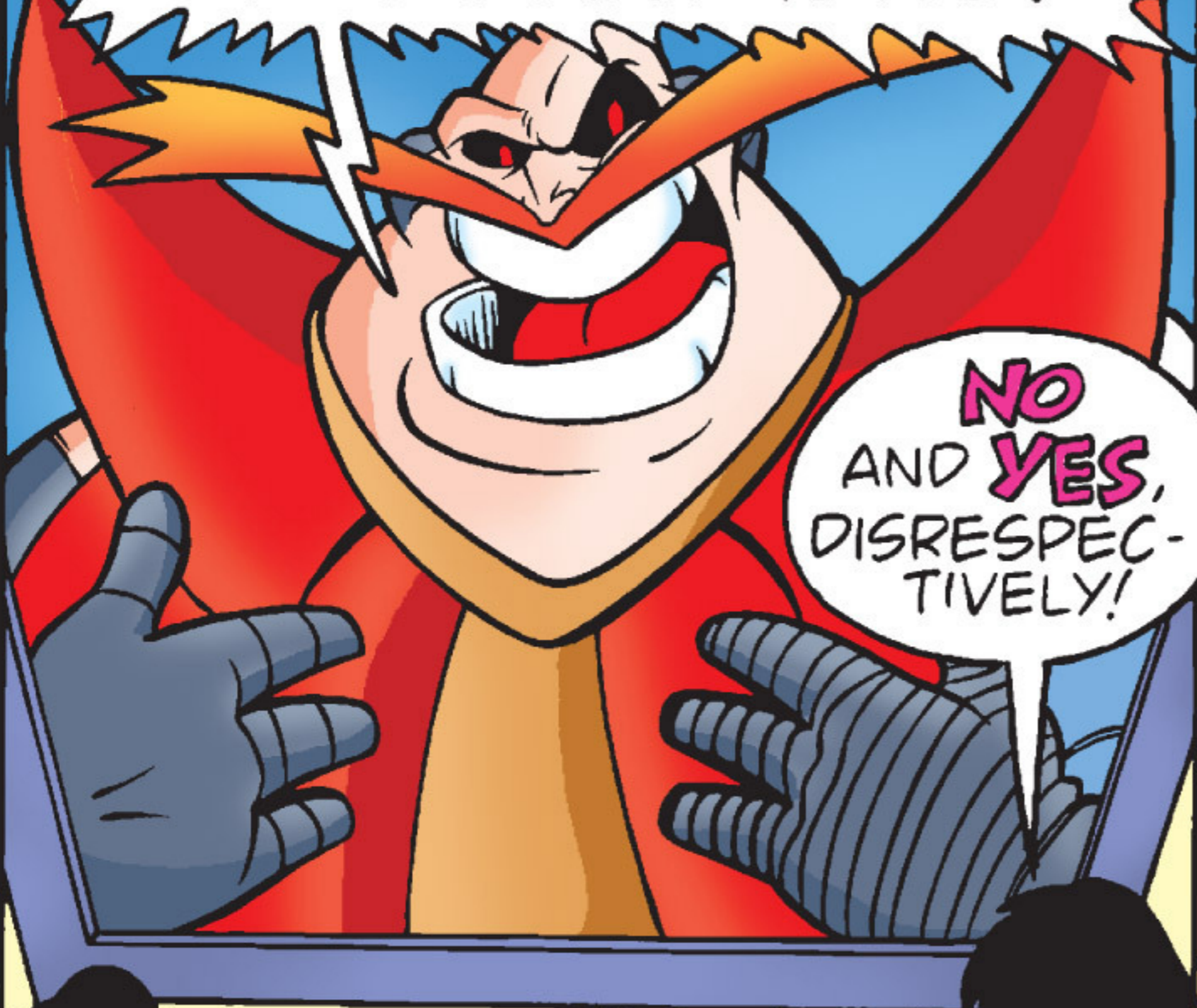


WHO YOU CALLING CHICKEN, FLABIO? I'M THERE!!!

NO, SONIC! IT'S A TRAP FOR SURE!



WHY, PRINCESS SALLY... ISN'T THIS A FACE YOU CAN TRUST? HAVE I EVER LIED TO YOU?



NO AND YES, DISRESPECTIVELY!

SURELY YOU DON'T THINK-- OH, WAIT... I'VE JUST BEEN HANDED A BULLETIN!

WHAT THE?!..

THAT'S NO BULLETIN!

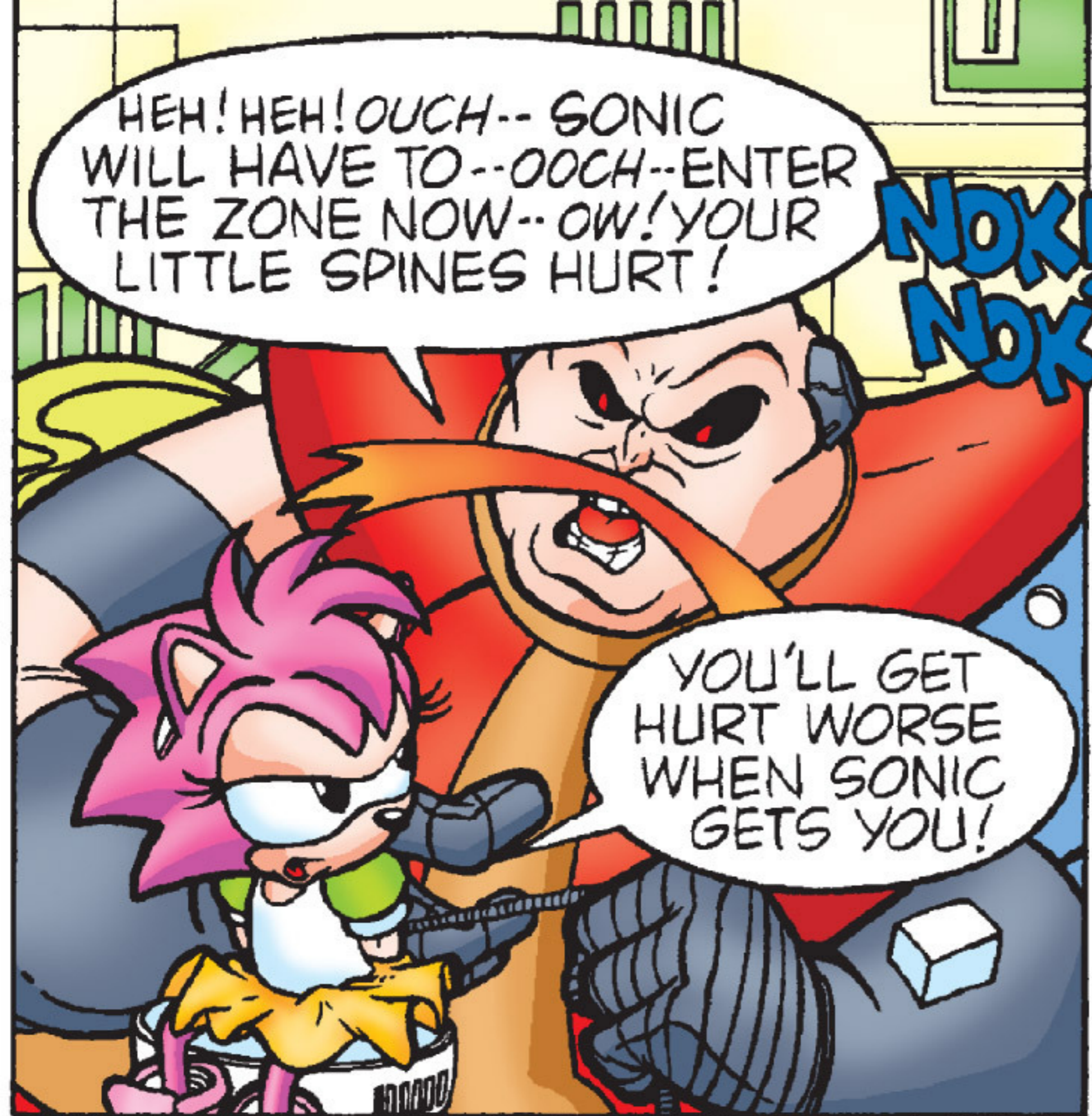


YOU'RE RIGHT! IT'S LITTLE AMY ROSE, THE HEDGEHOG-- SONIC'S BIGGEST FAN... AND MY SMALLEST HOSTAGE! SAY SOMETHING BEFORE WE SIGN OFF, CHILD!

HELP!

WHY, YOU ^{snort} OILY SONOFA _{woof}





HEH! HEH! OUCH-- SONIC WILL HAVE TO-- OUCH-- ENTER THE ZONE NOW-- OW! YOUR LITTLE SPINES HURT!

NOK!
NOK!

YOU'LL GET HURT WORSE WHEN SONIC GETS YOU!



AH, YES... I'VE BEEN EXPECTING ME-- ER-- YOU! WON'T I... UM... YOU COME IN?

I... I'M TRYING! WHOOP... I'M A BIT UNSTEADY...



OOOF! IT'S HARD TO KEEP MY BALANCE IN THIS COSTUME, MASTER!

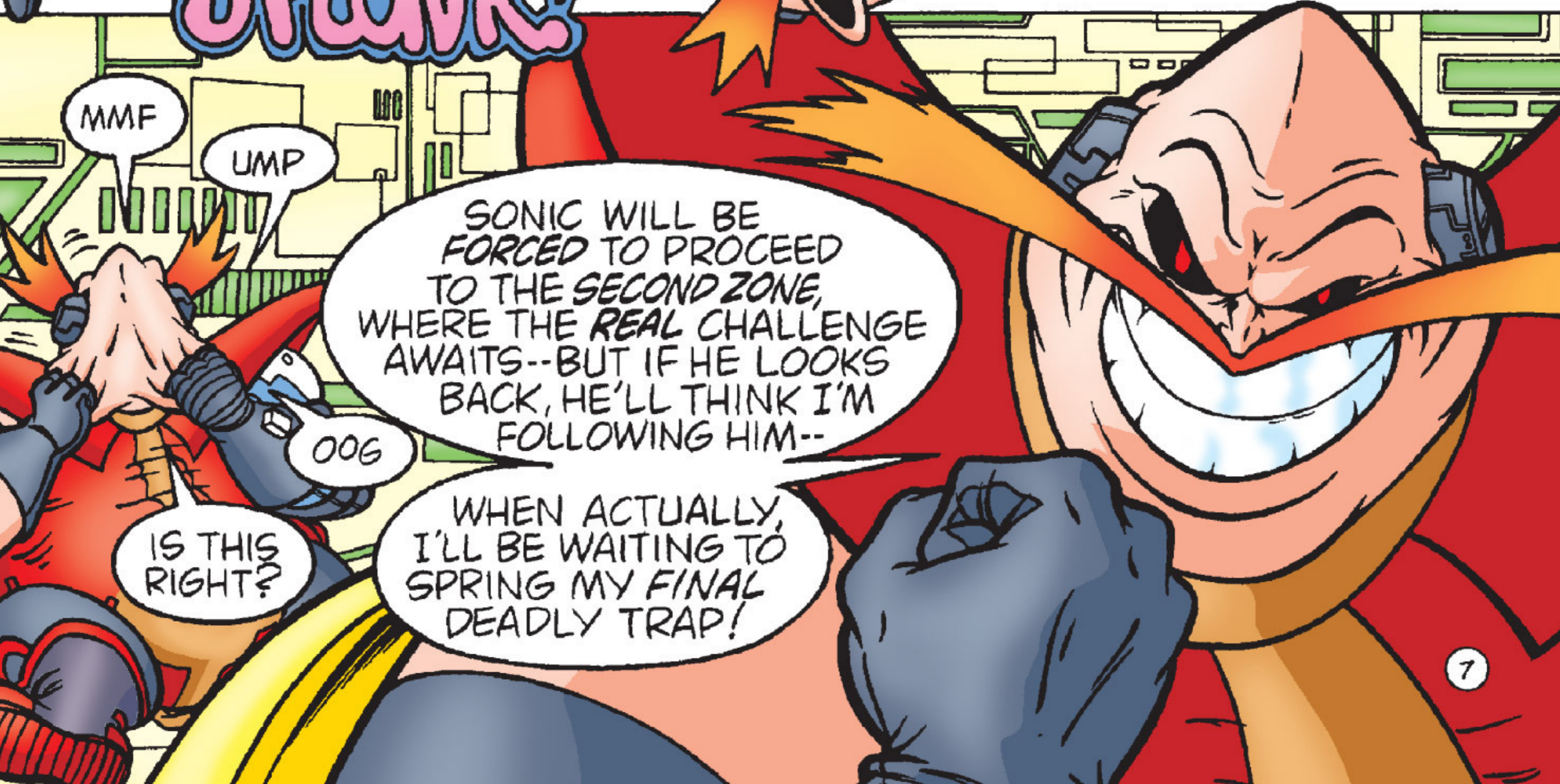
YOU'RE WEARING IT FOR A REASON, SNIVELY!

SPUNK!



YOUR JOB IS TO FLY BEHIND SONIC IN MY ROBO-POD AND BURN UP THE TRAIL BEHIND HIM!

Y-Y-YESSIR!



SONIC WILL BE FORCED TO PROCEED TO THE SECOND ZONE, WHERE THE REAL CHALLENGE AWAITS-- BUT IF HE LOOKS BACK, HE'LL THINK I'M FOLLOWING HIM--

WHEN ACTUALLY, I'LL BE WAITING TO SPRING MY FINAL DEADLY TRAP!

MMF

UMP

OOG

IS THIS RIGHT?

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

IS OUT OF
ORDER!

"GO AHEAD...
MECHA MY
DAY!"

PART 2

YES...
LET'S HOLD A
PROPER MEETING
HERE!

ANTOINE

SALLY

THERE'S NO TIME FOR
THIS RED TAPE! AMY
ROSE IS ONE OF MY BEST
PEN-PALS! SHE NEEDS
HELP FAST!

SONIC! WE INTEND TO
RESCUE HER... WE'RE JUST
NOT SURE THAT RUSHING INTO
UNKNOWN DANGER IS THE
WAY TO START!

C'MON, SALLY...
DANGER IS MY
MIDDLE NAME!

SONIC...

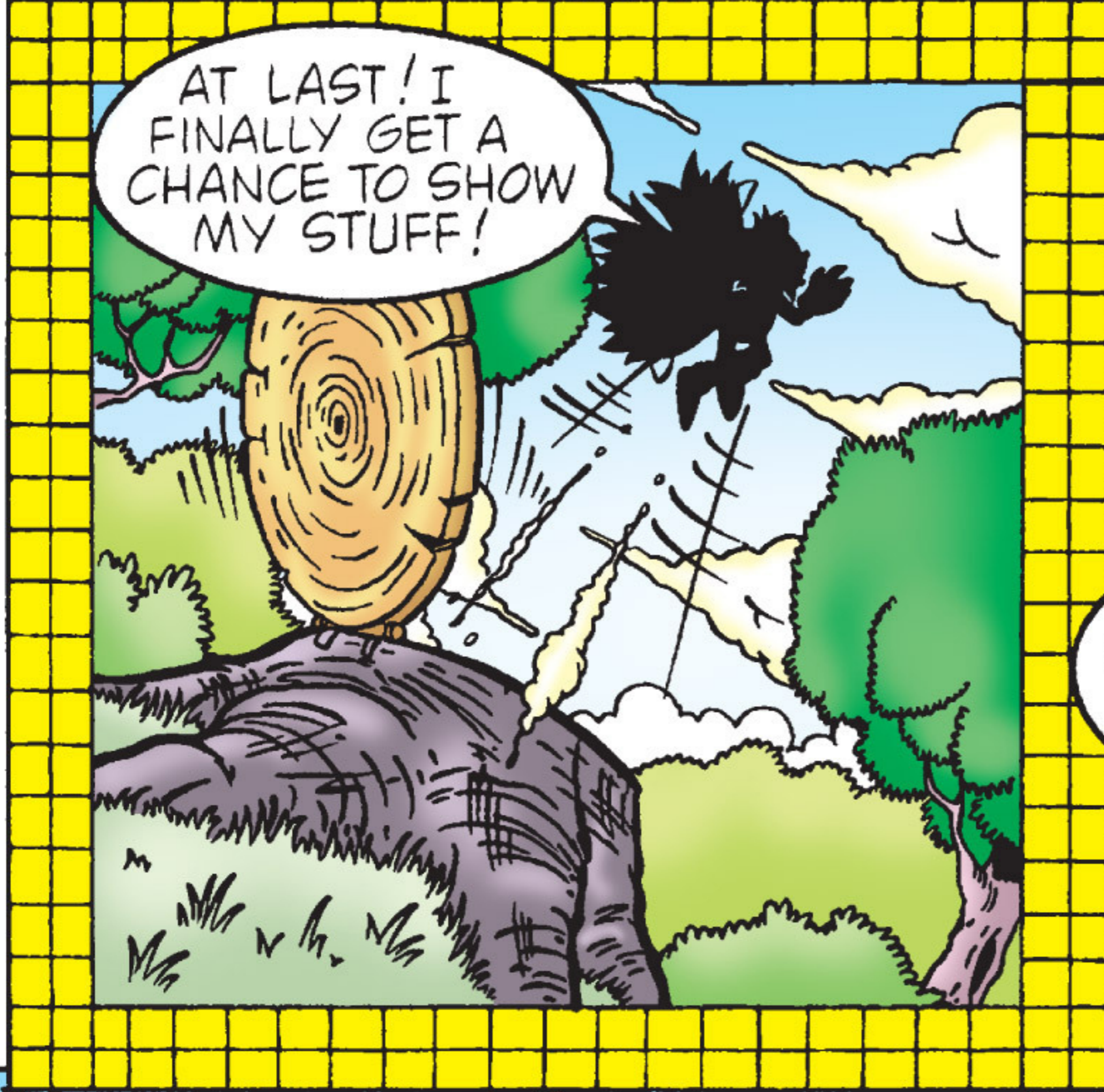
BESIDES, WE
HAVE OUR VERY OWN
TRAINED SPY WHO WILL
SCOPE OUT THE SITUATION
FROM THE AIR... RIGHT,
TAILS?!
M-M-ME?



YES! FLY ON AHEAD AND GET US AN AERIAL OVERVIEW OF THIS COLLISION CHAOS ZONE!

STOP! NO! THERE MUST BE A MOTION-- AND A SECOND... THEN A COMMITTEE...

=:SIGH=: ROYALTY AIN'T WHAT IT USED TO BE... I WONDER IF PRINCESS LEIA HAS DAYS LIKE THIS.

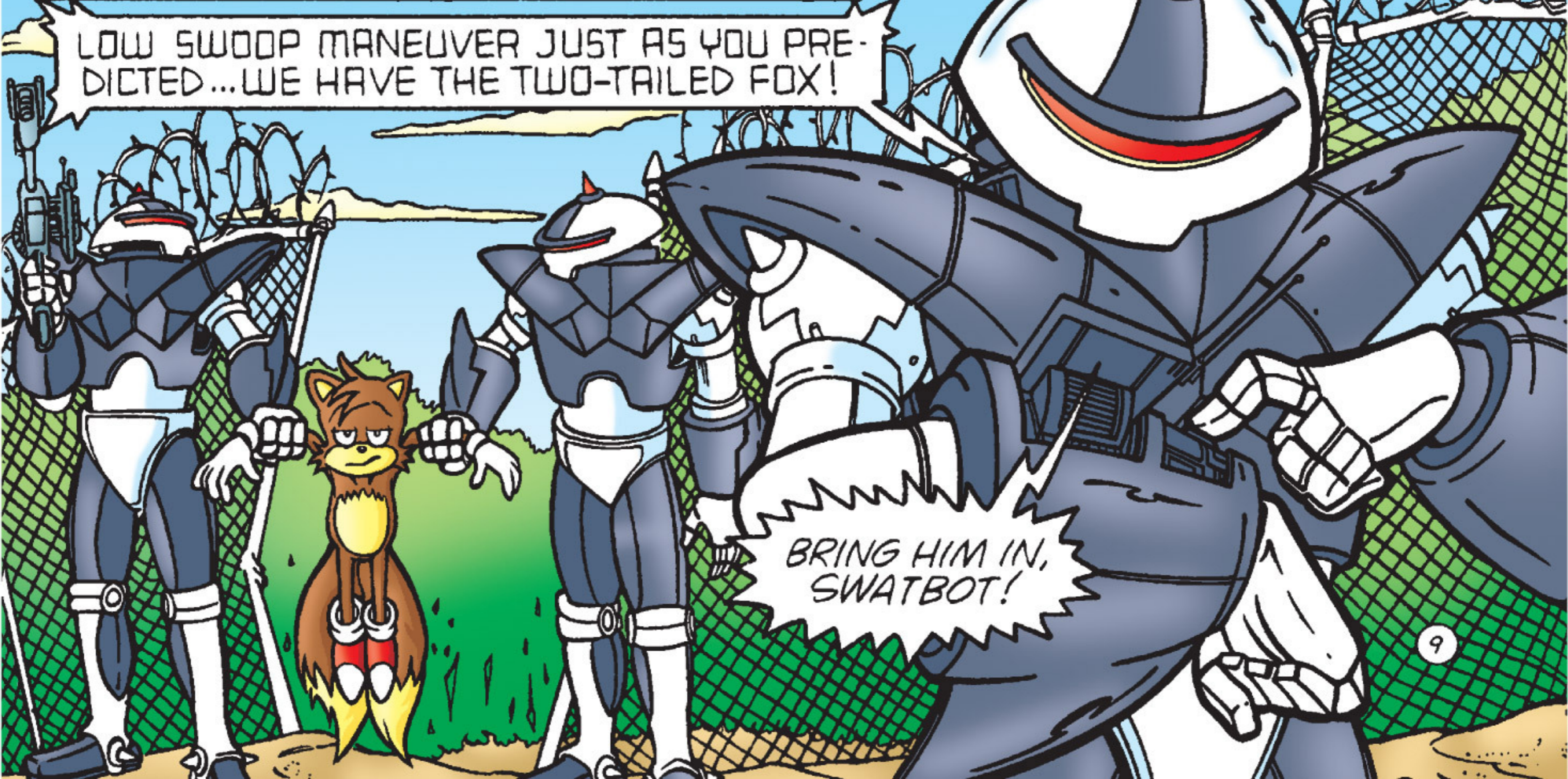


AT LAST! I FINALLY GET A CHANCE TO SHOW MY STUFF!



ACCORDING TO SALLY, THE ZONE IS WEST OF ROBOTNIK'S NEW FACTORY!

I'LL SWOOP DOWN LOW TO AVOID BEING SEEN...



LOW SWOOP MANEUVER JUST AS YOU PREDICTED... WE HAVE THE TWO-TAILED FOX!

BRING HIM IN, SWATBOT!

SOON...

I COULDN'T WAIT FOR TAILS ANY LONGER! NOW ROTOR'S MAP SAYS THE PORTAL IS RIGHT HERE... OH, YEAH!

WROOAAAANNN!

UP!

LISTEN UP, BLUBBER BOLTS! I'M GONNA TEAR THROUGH YOUR NEW ZONE, FREE AMY ROSE AND THEN PUNCH YOUR LIGHTS OUT!

AHA! THERE YOU ARE!

I HAVE ONE OTHER ITEM FOR YOUR AGENDA, PORK BOY...

PERHAPS NOW YOU WILL SEE THAT I BEAN MUSINESS... ERR... MEAN BUSINESS!

ZOOM OUT, CAMERA TWO--

HOLD STILL!

PERHAPS YOU WILL SEE THAT I MEAN BUSINESS

CAMERA ONE GET ME A TWO SHOT OF THE HOSTAGES...STANDBY...

DOING!

AS YOU CAN SEE, I'VE ALSO GOT YOUR BELOVED FRIEND TAILS! NEED ANY MORE INCENTIVES, HEDGEHOG?

BRING IT ON, 10-W 40 BREATH!



ALL RIGHT!
THERE'S NOTHING
LIKE CUTTIN'
LOOSE!

AT THAT
MOMENT:

ROBOTNIK TO
DOOFY DUPLICATE...COME
IN, DUPLICATE...SIGH: THAT'S
YOU, SNIVELY, YOU
IMBECILE!!!

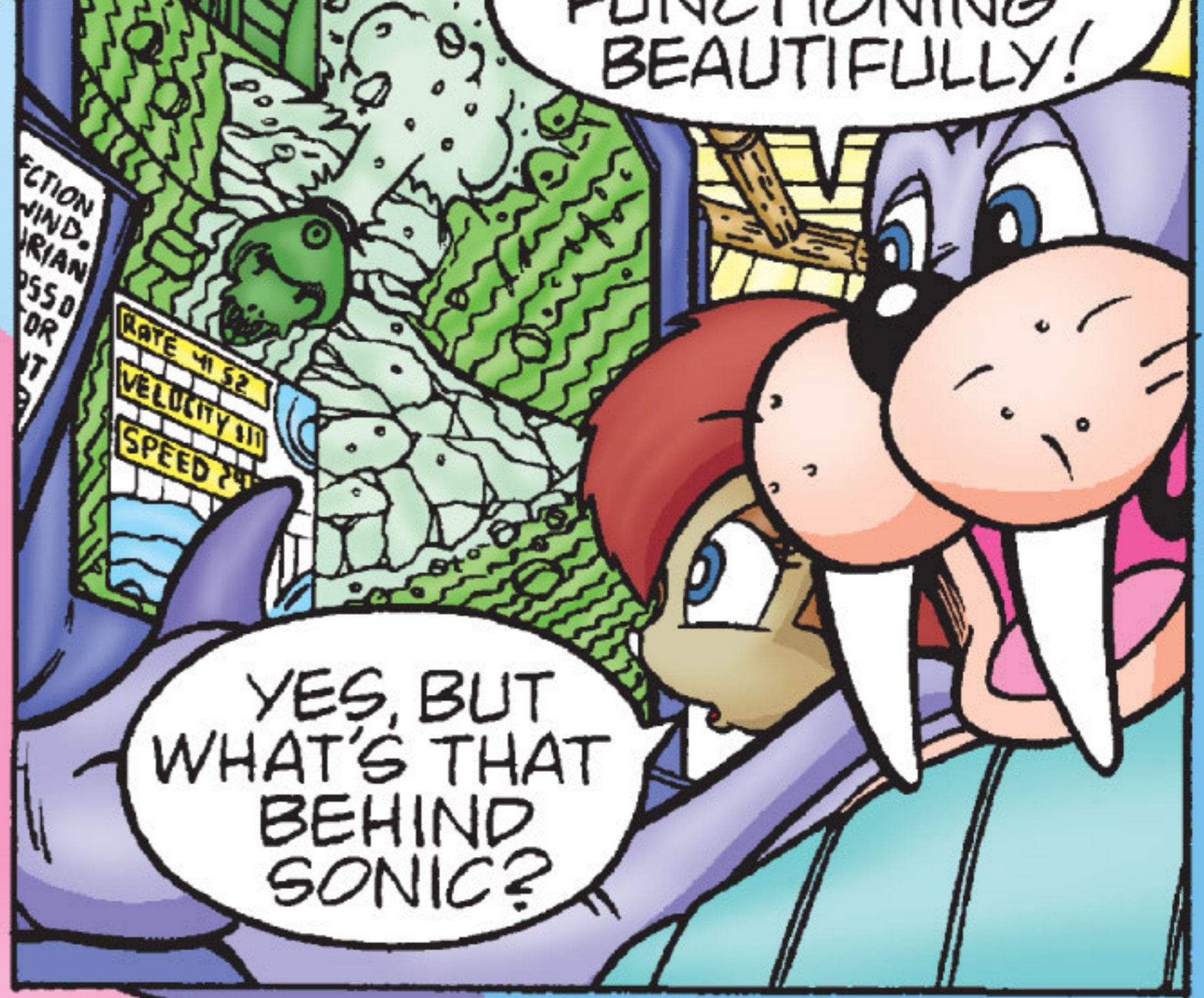


OH! RIGHT, MASTER...

...BEGIN "OPERATION
BURNT BRIDGES!"

MEANWHILE:

THE SONICAM'S
FUNCTIONING
BEAUTIFULLY!

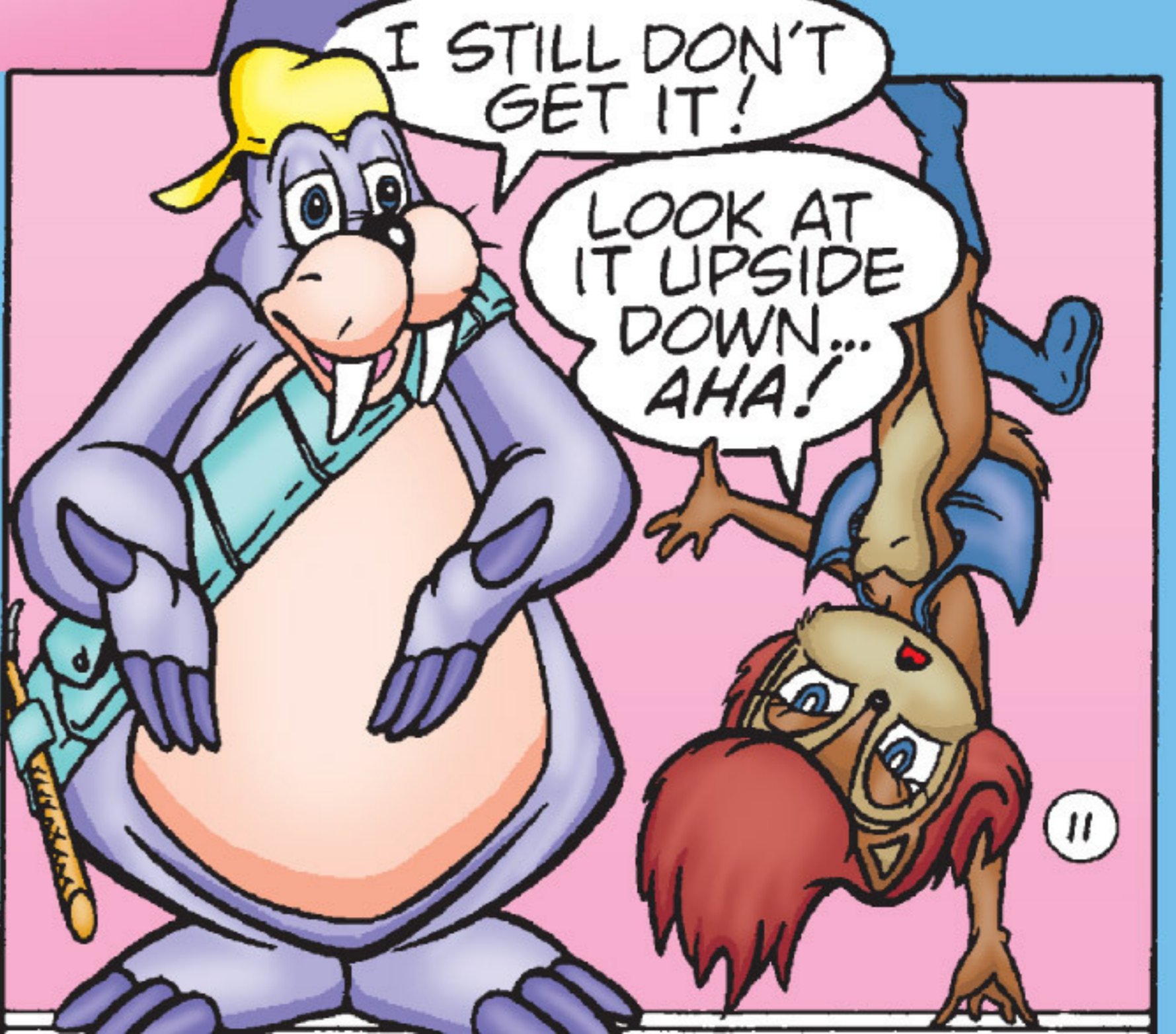


YES, BUT
WHAT'S THAT
BEHIND
SONIC?



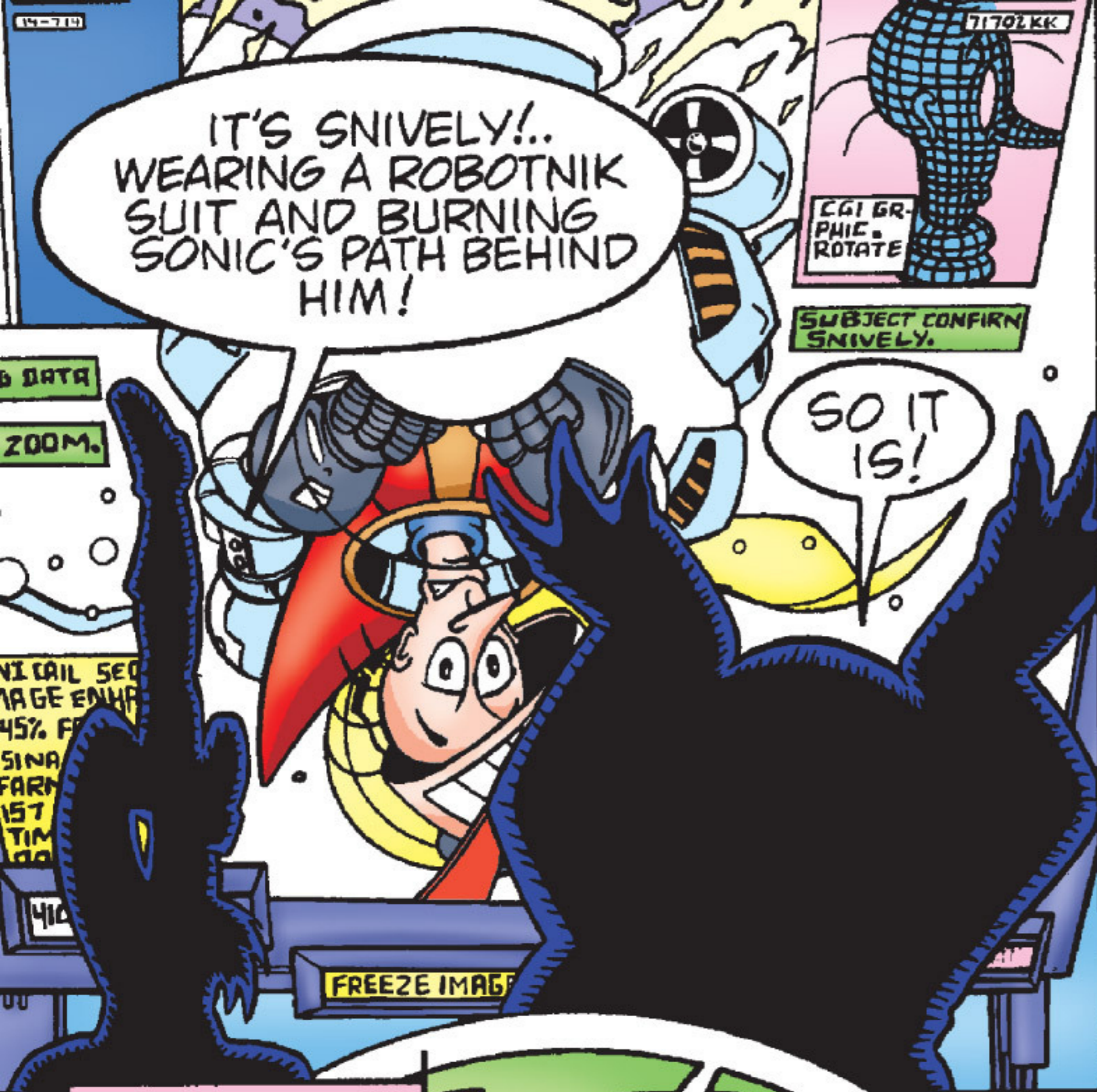
WHERE?

THERE! YOU
SEE IT BEST
WHEN HIS LEG
EXTENDS... I'LL
FREEZE AND
ENHANCE THE
IMAGE!



I STILL DON'T
GET IT!

LOOK AT
IT UPSIDE
DOWN...
AHA!



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SUBJECT CONFIRM SNIVELY.

SO IT IS!

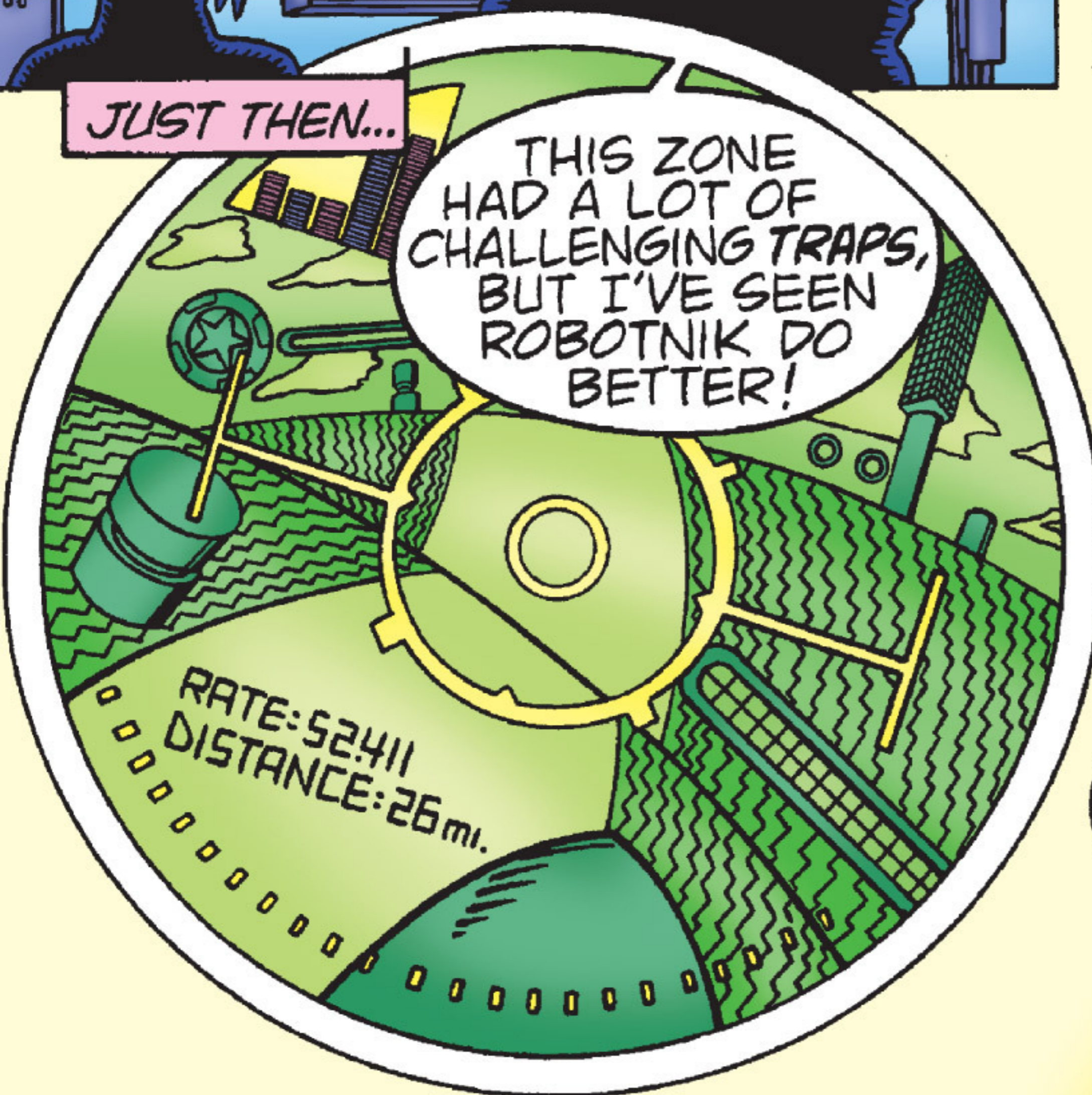
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ANOTHER OF ROBOTNIK'S SCHEMES! BUT WHY IS HE SO INTENT ON HAVING SONIC GO ONE WAY?

CAN WE DISCUSS IT AFTER YOU HELP ME STAND BACK UP?



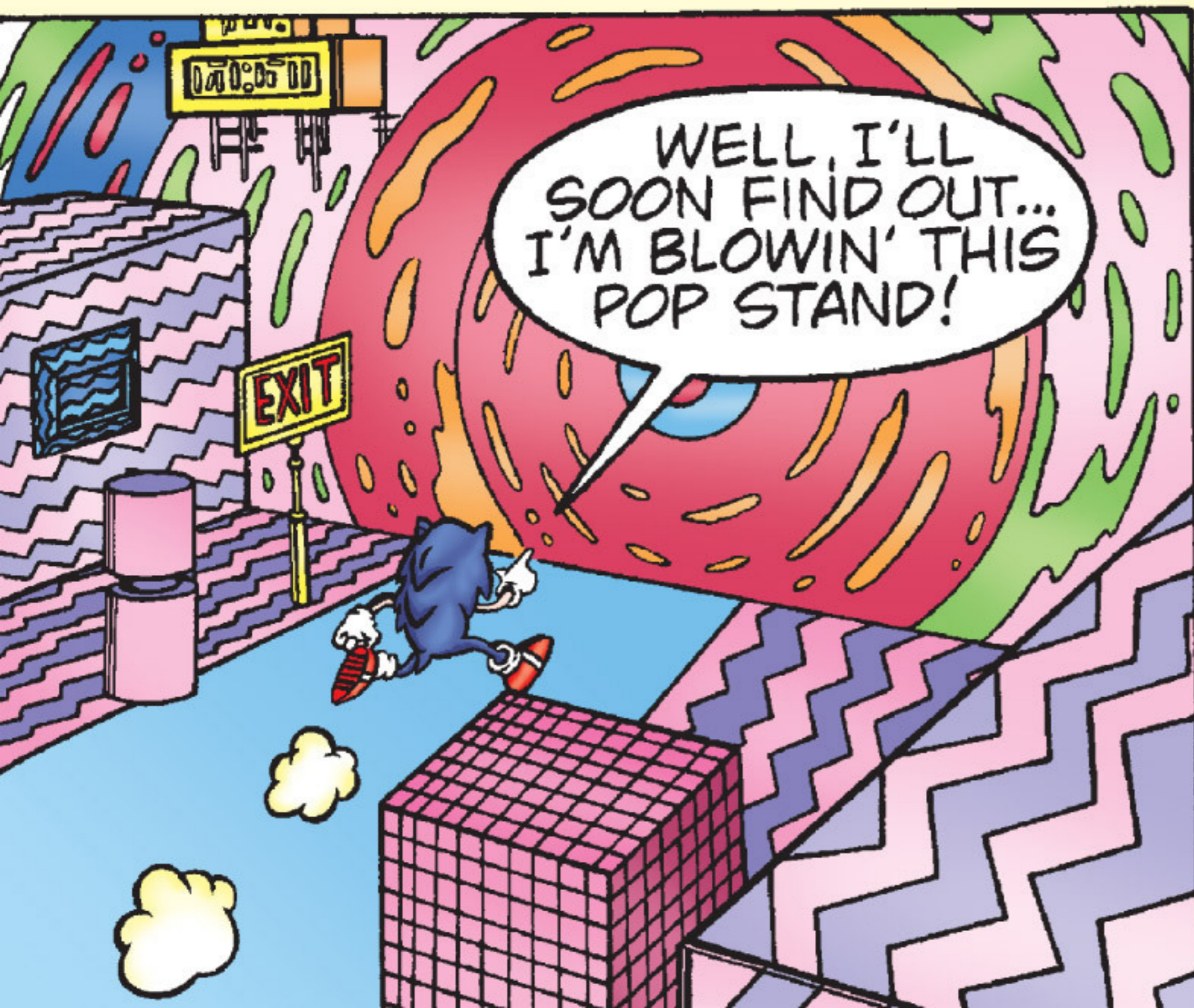
JUST THEN...

THIS ZONE HAD A LOT OF CHALLENGING TRAPS, BUT I'VE SEEN ROBOTNIK DO BETTER!

RATE: 52411
DISTANCE: 26 mi.



I WONDER WHAT TUBBY IS REALLY UP TO...



WELL, I'LL SOON FIND OUT... I'M BLOWIN' THIS POP STAND!



WELL, I'LL BE--LOOK WHO IT IS...

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

STANDS NO CHANCE AGAINST THE
ALL NEW, ALL DIFFERENT
MECHA-SONIC!™

"GO AHEAD...
MECHA MY
DAY!"

PART 3

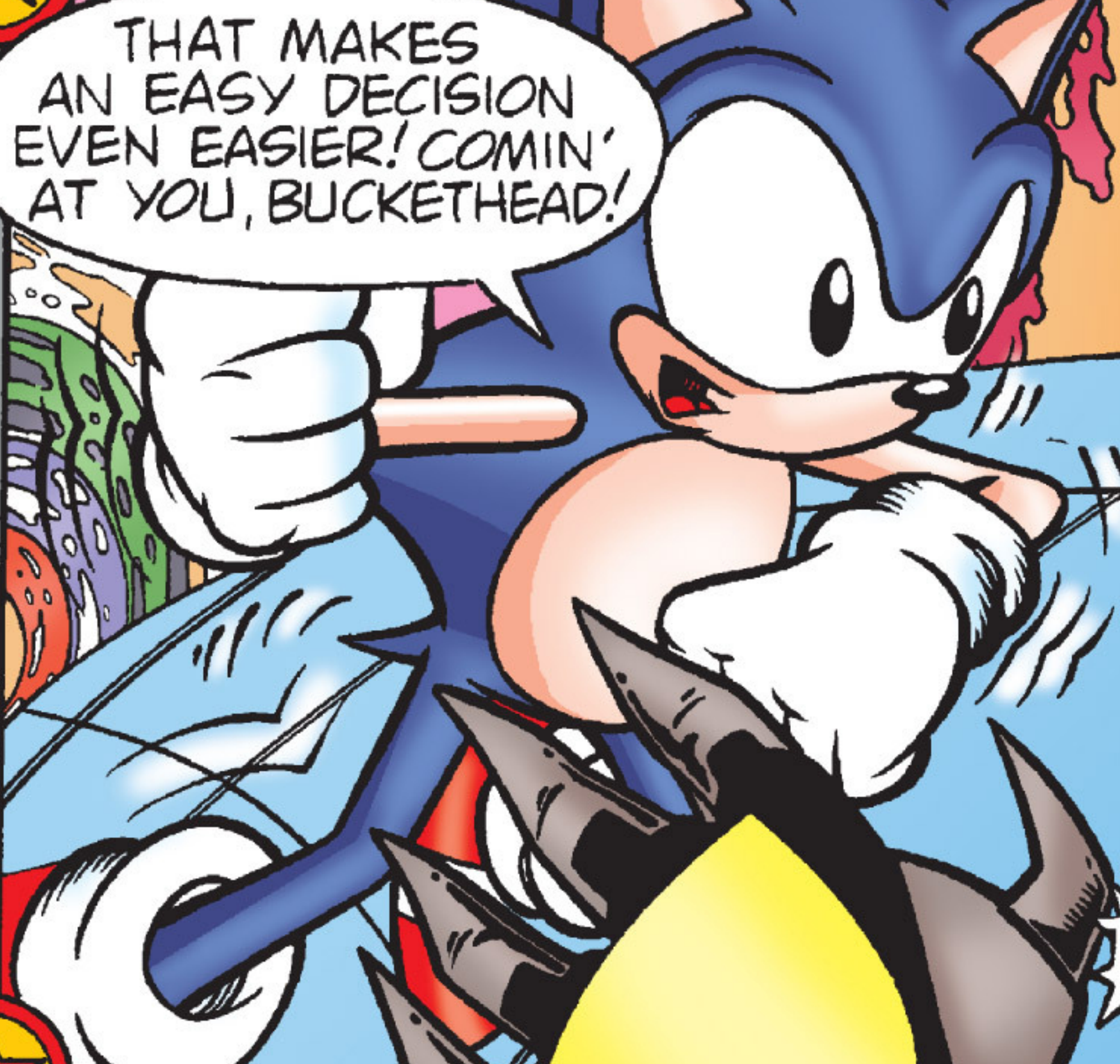
I HOPE YOU'RE
HUNGRY, BECAUSE I'M
GONNA MAKE YOU SWALLOW
BOTH OF THOSE LOGOS!

THE ONLY THING YOU'RE
GOING TO DO IS EAT MY
DUST... *STARDUST* THAT
IS... AS I HEAD THROUGH
THE *STARDUST SPEEDWAY
ZONE!* YOUR TWO LITTLE
FRIENDS ARE WAITING FOR
ME AT THE *FINISH LINE!*

I WONDER IF IT
WOULD BE FASTER TO
DOUBLE BACK AND... *WHOO!*
BAG THAT IDEA... HERE
COMES JELLYBELLY!

SONIC!

HELP!



THAT MAKES AN EASY DECISION EVEN EASIER! COMIN' AT YOU, BUCKETHEAD!




SNORT!



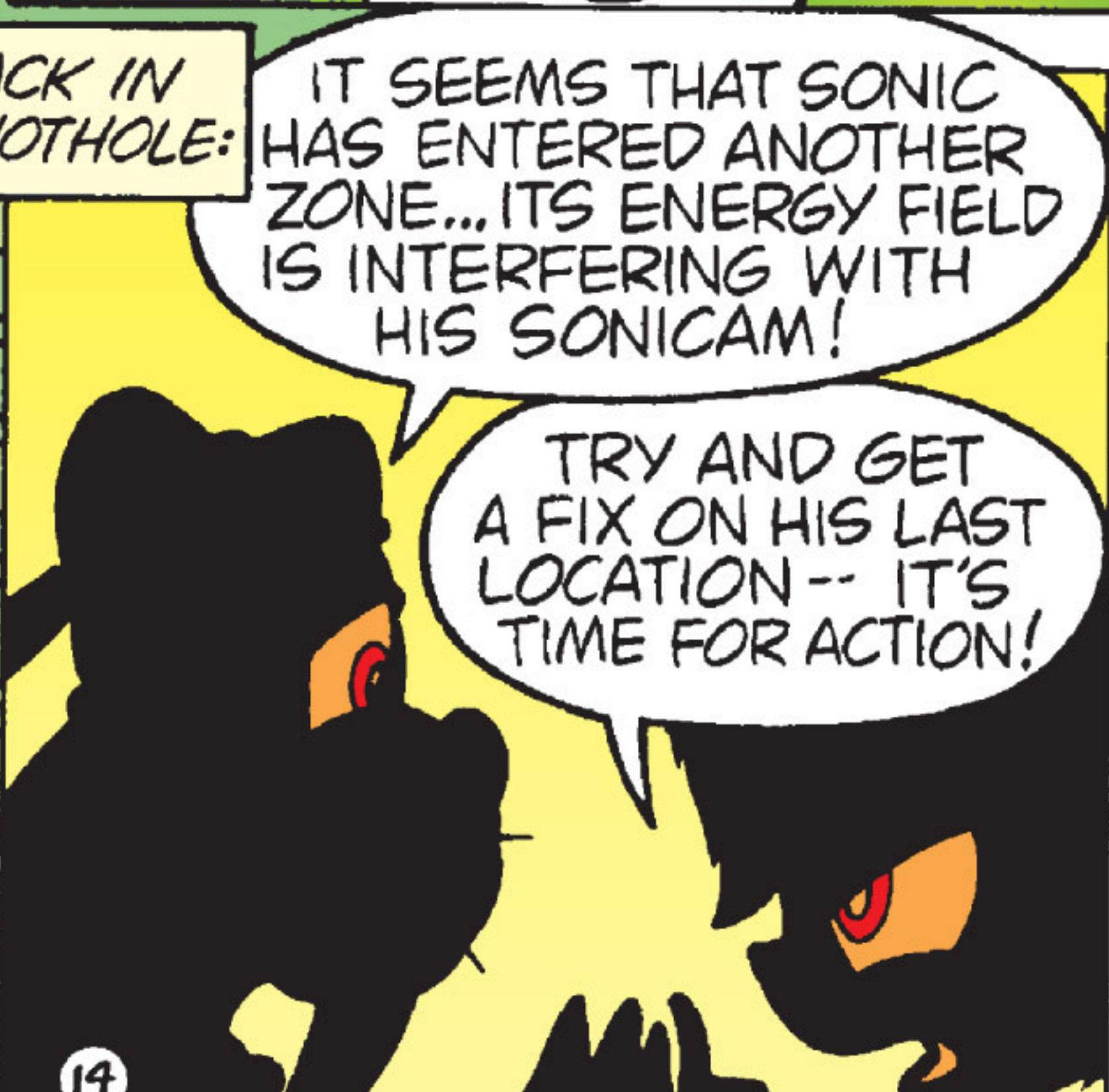
≡snicker≡ MECHA SONIC HAS ENGAGED THE HEDGEHOG!

OH BOOHOO HOOO ≡sob≡ WAHHHH!!!



≡sniffle≡ I WAS HOPING SOMEDAY SONIC WOULD GET ENGAGED TO ME!

BACK IN KNOTHOLE:



IT SEEMS THAT SONIC HAS ENTERED ANOTHER ZONE... ITS ENERGY FIELD IS INTERFERING WITH HIS SONICAM!



WHAT'S WRONG, AMY ROSE?

TRY AND GET A FIX ON HIS LAST LOCATION -- IT'S TIME FOR ACTION!

**AND IN THE STARDUST
SPEEDWAY ZONE . . .**

HOPE YOU DON'T
MIND IF I GET A
JUMP ON YOU,
METALHEAD!

BWOING!

SORRY...THIS
IS A ONE-LANE
EXIT RAMP...

COMING UP
BEHIND YOU!

PASSING ON
YOUR LEFT!

MOVING
VIOLATION!

WHOOOF!

THUD!

SCREEEEEE

GET THE
LEAD OUT, MECHA-
MORON!

I CONTAIN NO
LEAD... ONLY STEEL
TITANIUM ALLOY...

AT THAT MOMENT, UP
AHEAD AT THE FINISH LINE:

EVERYTHING IS IN
PERFECT ORDER, OH
KING CHOLESTEROL!
SHOULD SONIC SURVIVE
THE STARDUST ZONE...

I'LL HANDLE THE
EXPLANATION AND
SPEECH-MAKING, CRABMEAT!
NOW CHECK THE LETTERING
ON THE STRIPE!

WELL?

THOOOM!

IT CERTAINLY DOES!

IT'S PERFECT!
IT SPELLS:
"FINISH"!

IT'S \neq CHORTLE \neq SLICKER THAN
OIL ON SALT WATER! SHOULD
SONIC SURVIVE THE STARDUST
ZONE, HE'LL RUN UNDER THIS
FINAL ARCHWAY...

THAT WAY,
EVEN IF SONIC
WINS...

**HE
LOSES!**

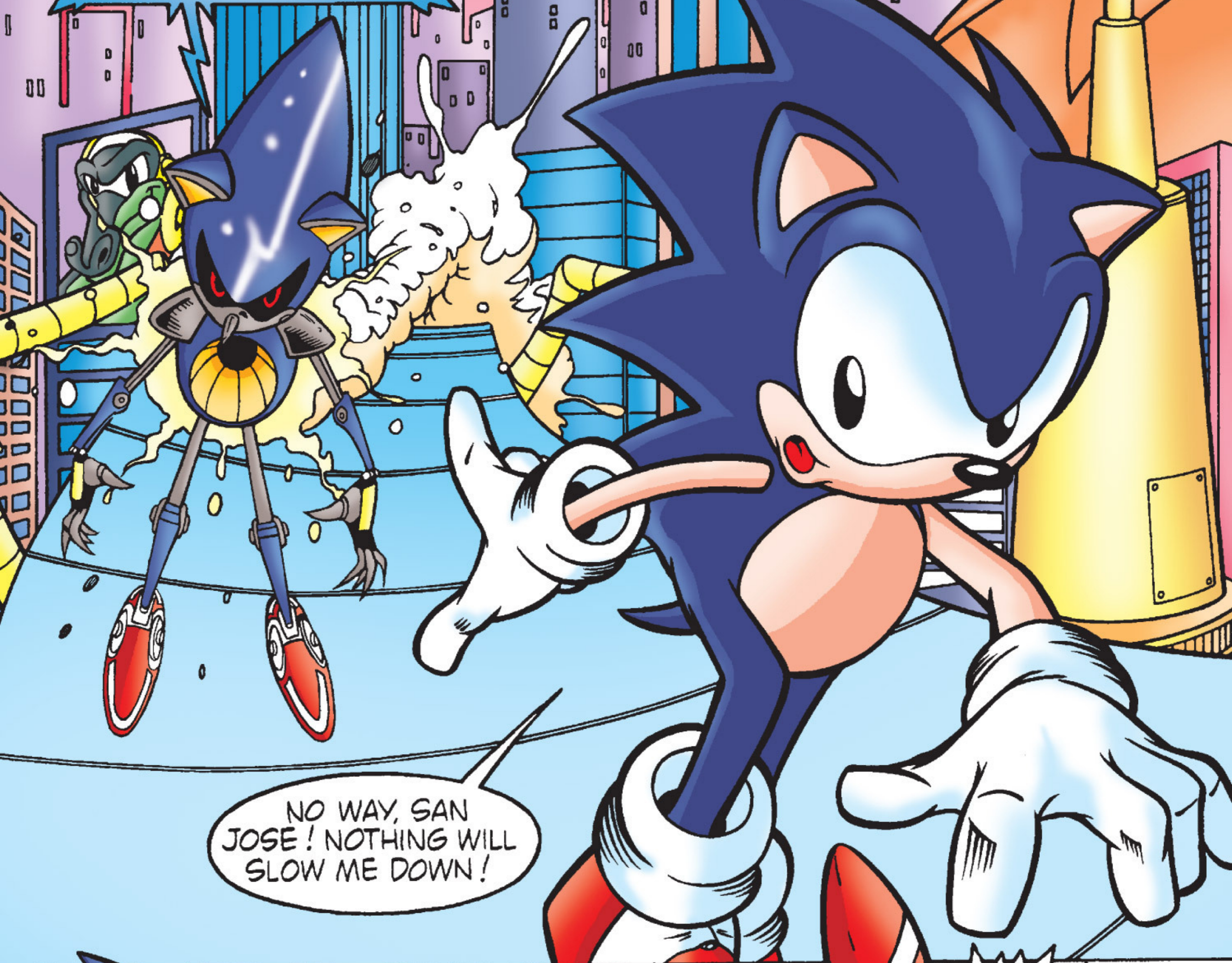
...AND BE
SMUSHED!

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

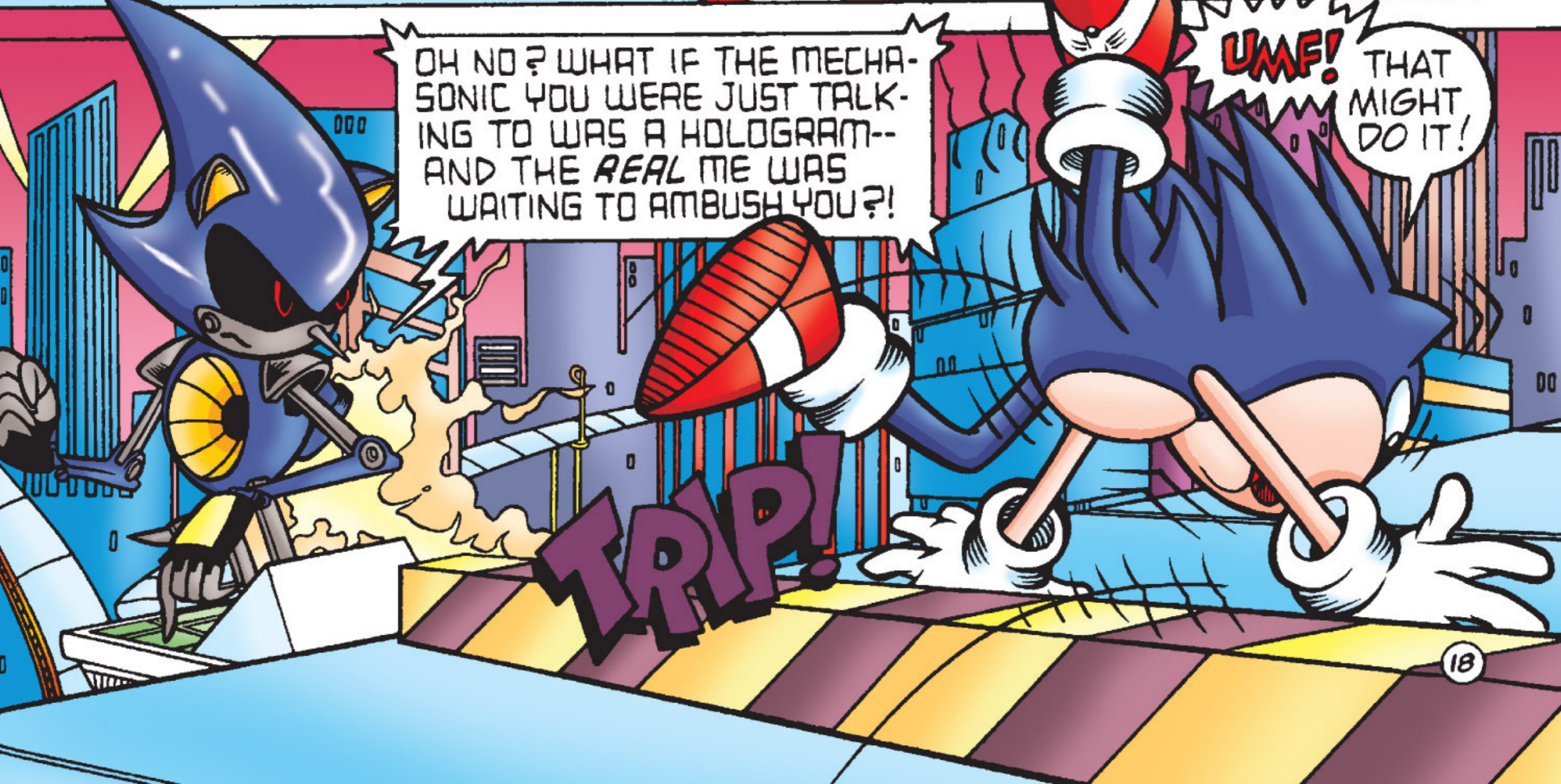
GIVE IT UP! YOU MUST BE EXHAUSTED BY NOW!

"GO AHEAD...
MECHA MY
DAY!"

PART 4



NO WAY, SAN JOSE! NOTHING WILL SLOW ME DOWN!

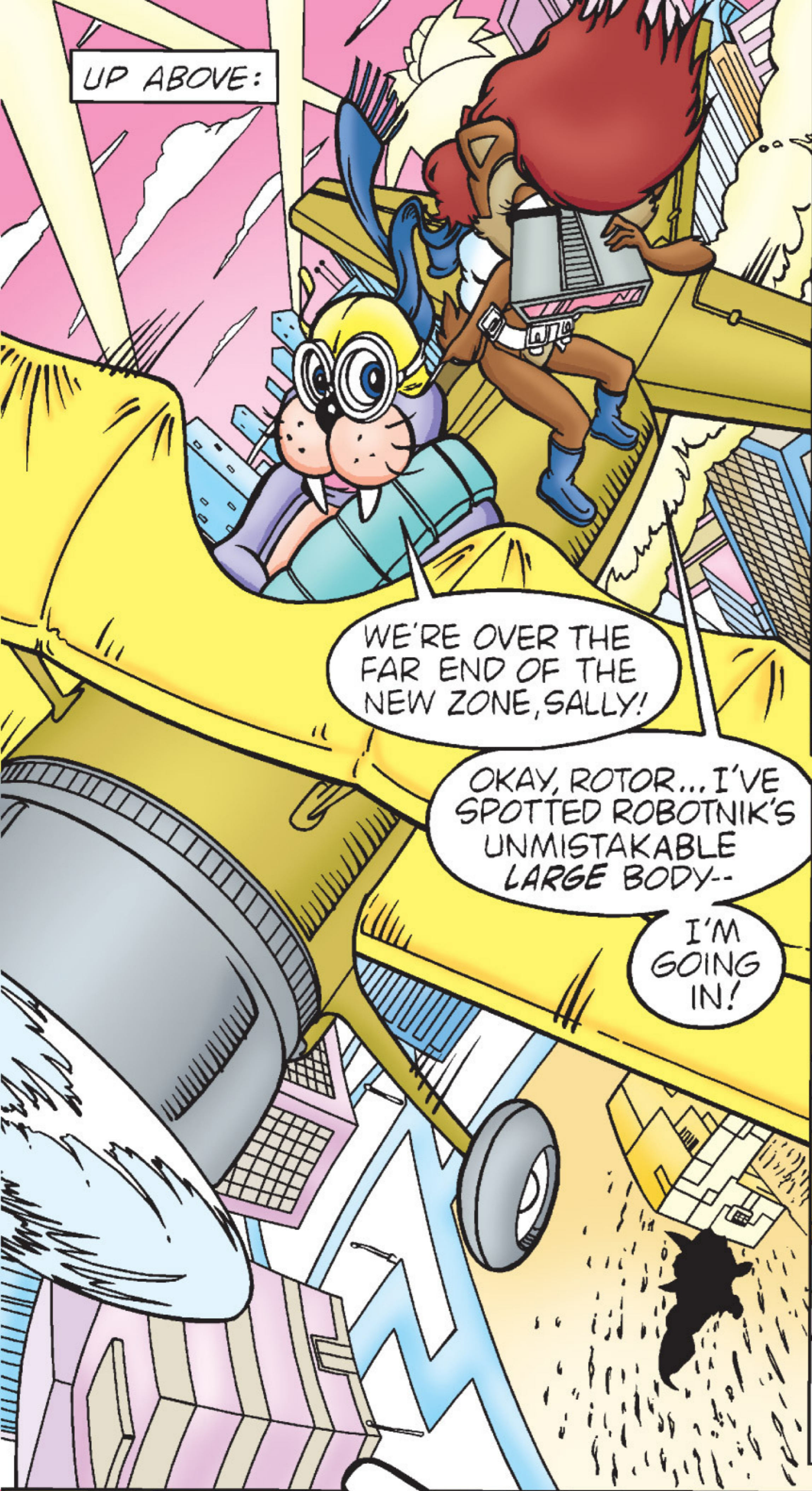


OH NO? WHAT IF THE MECHA-SONIC YOU WERE JUST TALKING TO WAS A HOLOGRAM-- AND THE REAL ME WAS WAITING TO AMBUSH YOU?!

UMF! THAT MIGHT DO IT!

TRIP!

UP ABOVE:



WE'RE OVER THE FAR END OF THE NEW ZONE, SALLY!

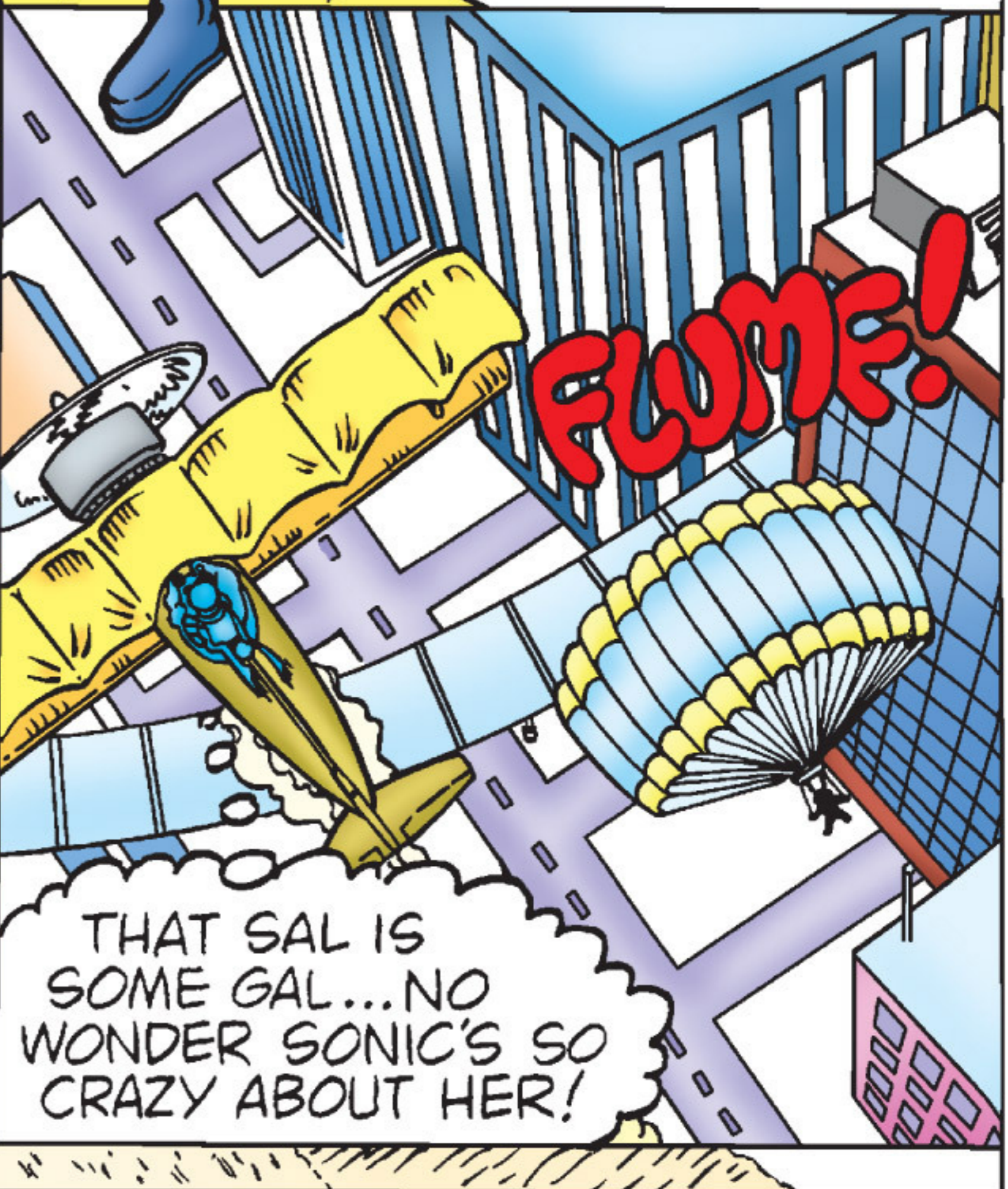
OKAY, ROTOR... I'VE SPOTTED ROBOTNIK'S UNMISTAKABLE LARGE BODY--

I'M GOING IN!

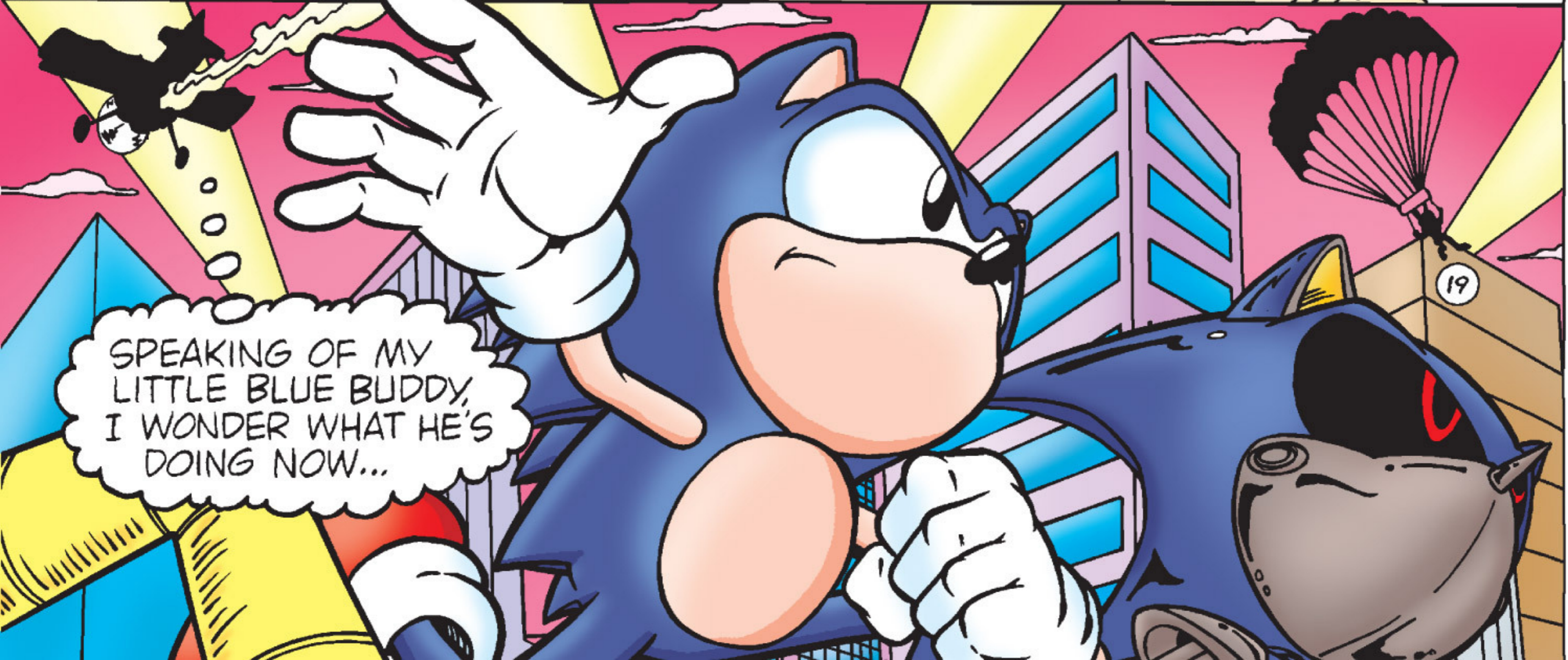


YOU'VE GOT YOUR ASSIGNMENT...

GOOD LUCK, PRINCESS!



THAT SALLY IS SOME GAL... NO WONDER SONIC'S SO CRAZY ABOUT HER!



SPEAKING OF MY LITTLE BLUE BUDDY, I WONDER WHAT HE'S DOING NOW...

HERE COMES THE HOME STRETCH, HEDGEHOG--HAVE YOU GOT WHAT IT TAKES?

YOU BETCHA, CREEP!
I'VE BEEN WORKING
ON THIS NEW MOVE
FOR A WHILE...

THE FIGURE
EIGHT SUPER
PEEL-OUT!

ONCE I DO
IT, I MOVE AT
WARP SPEED!

I SHALL
PURSUE!

SONIC'S CURRENT SPEED IS AT A
LEVEL NEVER BEFORE ACHIEVED!
:BZZT: MUST--EXERT--BEYOND--
:SQUEE: MAXIMUM!

MALFUNCTION! HEAT
GENERATED BY SPEED
AND FRICTION IS MELT-
ING MY METAL LEGS!

WHEEEEEEE

IF YOU CAN'T
TASTE THE CHILI DOGS,
STAY OUT OF THE
KITCHEN!

SURRENDER,
SNIVELY!

OKAY,
OKAY!

WIKIOP

UMF! OH NO!
SONIC WENT THROUGH
THE ARCH--I MISSED
MY CHANCE!

GET AWAY
FROM THAT BUTTON,
ROBOTNIK!

YES! THE
CROWD GOES
WILD!

MY
HERO!

OUR
HERO!

BAH! IT'S NOT FAIR! MY PLAN WAS SO FOOLPROOF...
=WHINE=

WHAT? THAT DEVICE HOUSED IN THE ARCH? I SAW IT COMING A MILE AWAY!

QUIT YOUR BELYACHING... I'LL STAND UNDER IT IF IT'LL MAKE YOU HAPPY...

OKAY, CHUBSY-LIBSY... FIRE AWAY!

Y-YOU WUH-WILL?..

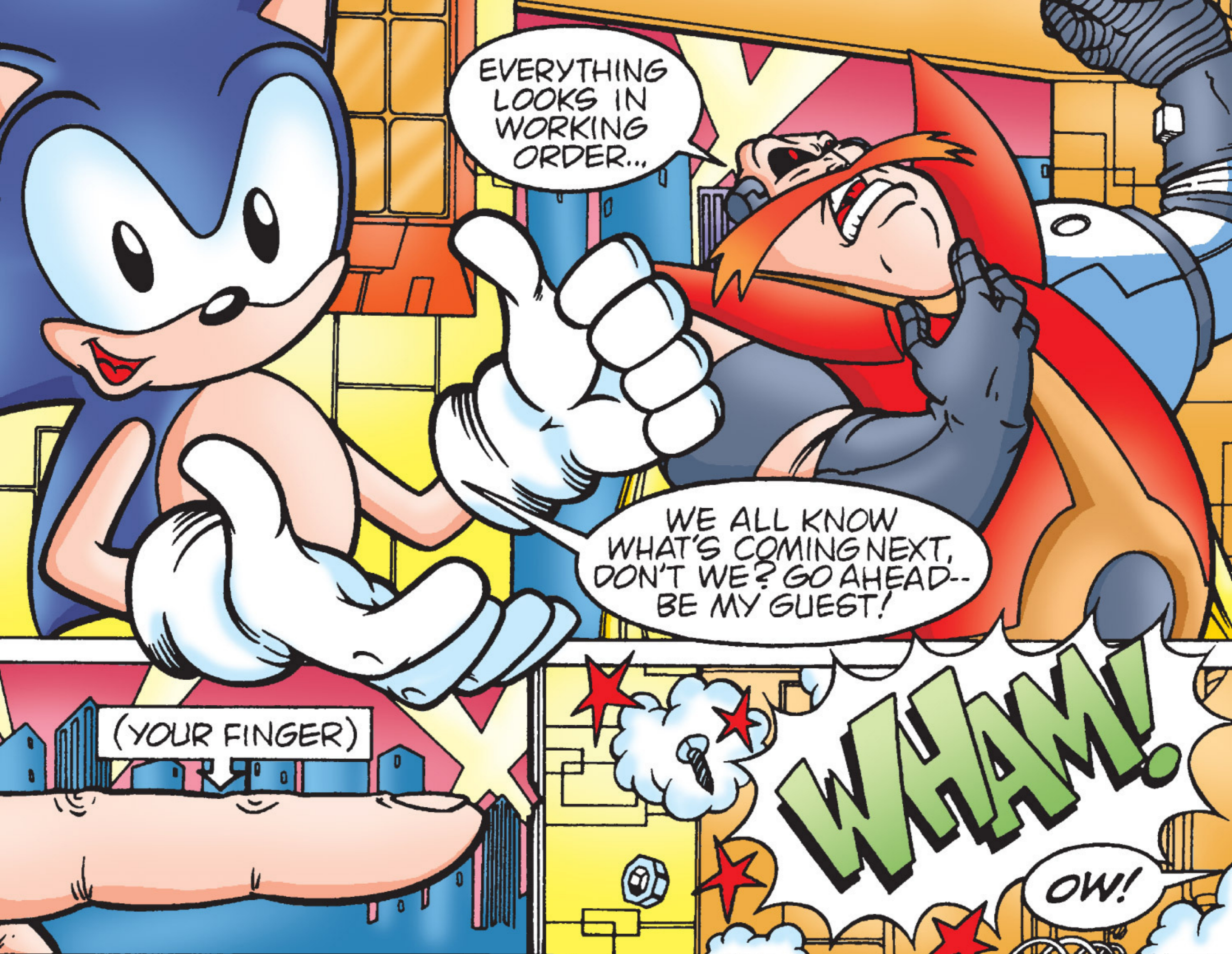
INDEED I SHALL...

MISSED ME! NYUK! NYUK!

GAME, SET AND MATCH!

NO! IT'S IMPOSSIBLE!

BUT I PERSONALLY DESIGNED THIS DEVICE! WHAT WENT WRONG?



EVERYTHING LOOKS IN WORKING ORDER...

WE ALL KNOW WHAT'S COMING NEXT, DON'T WE? GO AHEAD-- BE MY GUEST!

(YOUR FINGER)

WHAM!

OW!



SONIC and FRIENDS
25 ISSUES AND GOING STRONG!

STAY TUNED...WE'RE JUST WARMING UP!

I HATE THAT HEDGEHOG!

THE END